

**Observer's Observations.**

We were talking last Saturday with William Balk, one of the breeding men with the C. C. Powell Tanners, and about the condition of the cattle market on the road, and he told us that near Dithman, in Atchison county, on one of the Rankin ranches of that vicinity, he saw a pile of cattle horns almost as high as a house, there being from one to two car loads in the pile. These were the horns from a large part of the 9000 head of steers that the Rankins have lately shipped in from the southwest, and these horns at present will now be loaded into cars and shipped out to glue factories and ornament works throughout the country. This set us to thinking of the great improvement in the quality of the 35 per cent. grading of stock, as well as also about every other kind of business. When we were a boy at home our folks used to feed steers for market (and we had some good ones too) but deforming had not then yet come into vogue. On the contrary, steers were then largely valued, not more by their fine form and apparent fat-taking qualities, than also by their nice trim, smooth horns.

In those days, when providing for troughs and shelter we had to provide much more room for the same number of cattle than feeders find necessary under the present regime, for they think they would fight and horn each other about as often as the larger and stronger cowboys get fat and kick the smaller calves around. When we went to ship, about 1600 head of 1200 pound cattle were all we could get into a car, and if we were shipping 1400-pound cattle we generally had to reduce the number per car to 15. Along towards the last of our experience, however, we got to crowding them more thickly into the cars, "sacking" them, we called it, for experts taught us that if horned cattle are more closely crowded they will raise their heads high in air, and then when they become closely crowded (packed) they can not again get their heads down into a place to rest between their horns. The idea was quite audacious, but it worked great many ways, and still we have never thought of cutting them off. In fact we would have thought that they would have killed the cattle to save saving their horns off up close to their heads. Some times we did saw sharp black tips off the ends of the horns of the milch cows (to prevent them goring the children to death), and we often went to the expense of having brass knobs made and fastened on the points of the horns where the tips had been sawed off, but we never thought of sawing off the horns down into the "quick," as we thought that would give the cows the "hollow horns," and probably kill them. We call it the hollow horns because the appearance of the horns is like a hollow shell. It was the boys in Westington who showed cattle from Western Steers, and Northern cattle from Southern. We estimated that the further south and southwest the cattle came from the larger and longer their horns would be, and we generally guessed them right. We also used the horn of a cow-brute to estimate its age from. We counted that the first wrinkle on the horn came at three years of age, ask that one wrinkle followed every year thereafter. Many a time have we heard of an old steer having his horns scraped and shapened in order to destroy the wrinkles, and thus deceive a prospective buyer. But these things are all done away with now, and the cattle are so much better taken care of, grow and also as their ages are completely exposed at one fall-sweep, by harvesting the horns and putting them on the market long before the balance of the steer is ready to go. Indeed, "the world do more."

We notice by the papers that the men of the prisons of the country, the keepers have been having much trouble with newly-arrived convicts in enforcing the regulations respecting the use of conventional convict uniform of stripes with closely-clipped hair and clean-shaven faces. In some cases the prisoners have flatly refused to comply, and the prison officials have been compelled to use force. In several instances we noticed that the prisoners have failed to be bound during the shearing operation. We have not heard how Mr. Grunleas stood the ordeal of losing his curly locks, but we imagine that it must have gone pretty hard with him to part with his curls from what we are told of the amount of care he bestowed upon them when being tried for his life here in court. And this brings us to another point, and that is that it is unacceptable to us how a criminal, after having been convicted of murder, can so easily become a (to some degree) center of attraction, for so many nice young ladies (many of whom are strangers to him), all speaking complimentary things of him, and the girls who are told his name in this case, even visiting the jail to see him. But such is life; yes, such is life.

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We notice by the Craig Leader that the people of that vicinity have formed themselves into a drainage district and will ask the circuit court at the next January term for an order of incorporation. This is certainly a good work and ought to go right on. This will be three such districts in Holt county that the court will be asked to incorporate at its next term. In talking with one of the residents of the vicinity of Craig some time ago he told us that they most of necessity do something up there. He said that the creek has been so greatly straightened that the water lands in Atchison county on the people of Northgate Holt county so much more rapidly now, that they (the Holt county people) must of necessity organize to protect themselves and convey the water on down southward and off their lands. And when we were telling us this, and oftentimes since, we have wondered if the men in south of Bigelow and Napier understood how much more rapidly than formerly the water would soon be coming upon them. It is unaccountable to us how men located in south of Bigelow and Napier supposed the construction of a drainage ditch to connect them with that being organized above. They are told these things being doing. If the Craig district is organized (and we are told that there is very little opposition to it up there) then the men east of Bigelow and Napier will soon be right up against the water (or the water right up against them, rather,) the same as the Craig and Corning vicinity people find themselves now. The water may find

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**The New Road Law.**

At the coming January term of our county court, they will be required to redistrict the road districts of our county, and place their management in the hands of three commissioners. The law provides that no district shall contain less than one square mile nor more than one municipal township. It is likely that our county court will make each municipal township a road district, as by this system the collection of each road 'district' taxes will be simplified. We believe our people should be thinking over this new law, and should suggest games to the judges of such persons as in their judgment would make capable commissioners, and no doubt the court would appreciate the interest manifested. The law makers presumed that as much interest should be shown in the making of our roads as is shown in keeping up our public schools, and if citizens would be willing to serve as school directors without compensations, surely three good and capable citizens could be secured who would be willing to superintend the making of the roads of their respective districts.

These commissioners do not have to make the roads, personally, but have the right under the law to hire the road making done by contract or by whatever means they will. They must take account to the county court for all tools, implements, etc.

Poll taxes shall be levied upon all males between the ages of 21 and 40, in the sum of \$1.50 to \$3 per poll, and taxes levied in each district on all taxable property at a rate of not less than five nor more than 20 cents on the \$100 valuation. All bridges costing less than \$500 are to be the responsibility of the commissioners; all those costing \$500 or more are county bridges and are to be in the hands of county courts.

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We hope those citizens who are interested, or rather those road enthusiasts in each township, will make it their business to talk with our county judges upon this subject, and if they have any suggestions to make, to stand up and say that they hand their names. The court wants to name the very best men, and our citizens can help them greatly if they will but do so.

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Rev. John Carris, of Craig, is circulating a petition asking Con. Cochran to vote against the seating of Con. Roberts, because he is a Mormon, Atholton County World. We are of the opinion that brother Carris's labors will come to naught. Because first, the Democratic caucus will decide to stand against Roberts to prevent his unseating, and second Cochran will not go back on the action of party caucus. Second Cochran will vote to let the man with three wives keep his seat because he is a free silvitee, is an anti-expansionist, a free trader, and is "ferment" to the government from the word go. It requires a two-thirds vote to unseat Mr. Roberts, and as the Republicans have a small majority only, we opine that with the Democratic and Populist vote recorded in favor of Mr. Roberts it will be impossible to unseat him. We hope we will be mistaken in our opinion, but this will be the result as we look through our glasses at present. We have no dissent to our congressmen on these remarks, for we are frank to say that if we must have a Democratic congressman from this district, we know of no one that we prefer to see occupying the seat than Charles Fremont Cochran.

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**The Poultry Show**

The Oregon Poultry association held their first annual show in the Collier building, November 23, 24 and 25.

The showing of thoroughbred birds far exceeded their expectations.

There were one hundred varieties of chickens being exhibited, besides several pens of ducks. The show was well attended by the town people and surround country and in attendance seemed to appreciate and enjoy the show.

The association fed very much on courtesy and the spirit of the show and promise the people that next year will far eclipse this.

Following is a list of exhibitors and prizes: Mrs. McHugh, of Mailroad, was judge:

**WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCK.**  
R. G. Raley, 1st on cock, 1st on hen, 1st on cockerel.  
**BLACK PLYMOUTH ROCK.**  
C. L. Evans, 1st on hen.  
Ott Curry, 1st on cockerel.  
S. F. O'Farrell, 1st on cock, 1st on pullet.  
2d on cockerel, 2d on pullet.  
**BUFF PLYMOUTH ROCK.**  
Sam Schulte, 1st on cockerel, 1st on hen, 1st on cock.  
Chris Edwards, 1st on cockerel.  
Harry Greene, 1st on pullet.  
E. Wickham, 2nd on hen.  
H. Holgren, 2d on cock, 2d on cockerel, 2d on pullet.  
**BEFF COCHIN.**  
L. N. Schulte, 1st on cockerel, 1st on hen.  
**PARTI-RED COCHIN.**  
Joe Schaeffer, 1st on pen.  
**RED-ISH ISLAND BIRD.**  
Mrs. A. M. Buskirk, 1st on cockerel 1st on pullet.  
**S. C. R. LEGHORNS.**  
James Fryman, 1st on cockerel, 2nd on pullet.  
J. J. Lukens, 2nd on cockerel, 1st on pullet.  
**R. C. C. LEGHORNS.**  
Chas. Hoffman, 1st on cock, 1st on hen.  
**S. C. W. LEGHORNS.**  
Daniel Cunningham, 1st on cockerel.  
**BLACK LANGSHAN.**  
Daniel Cunningham, 1st on hen.  
Phil Hoeffcher, 1st on pen.  
**ORANGE COVERED LANGSHANS.**  
W. K. Wacker, 1st on pen.  
**GOLDEN SEABRIGHT BANTAMS.**  
Ruth Watson, 1st on pen.  
Frank Castle, 2nd on pen.  
**CAME BANTAMS.**  
Lillian Price, 1st on pen.  
**SILVER LALD WYANDOTTE.**  
Carrie Schulte, 1st on cock, 1st on pullet.  
Mrs. Sayles, 1st on cockerel, 2nd on pullet.  
**GOLDEN WYANDOTTE.**  
Mrs. R. C. Anderson, 1st on pullet.  
F. E. Allen, 1st on cock, 1st on hen.  
**BLUE WYANDOTTE.**  
G. W. Cummins, 1st on cockerel, 1st on pullet.  
D. A. Young, 2nd on cockerel, 2nd on pullet.  
**WHITE WYANDOTTE.**  
Mrs. T. S. Hinde, 1st on pen.  
**HOUDANS.**  
C. C. Powell, 1st on pen.  
**PEKIN DICKS.**  
Geo. Clark, 1st on pen.  
A. A. Roeder, 2nd on pen.  
Other exhibitors were: Mrs. G. L. Kunkle, Dr. F. E. Markland, C. W. Bartman, Mrs. James Gelyin.

**British Outlook. Gloomy.**

The position in Natal remains full of perplexity, which the censorship has increased. Although a division and a half of British troops have now reached Durban, that place will be practically powerless and supplied with cavalry and artillery. Until these arrive the situation will undoubtedly remain grave. With three beleaguered garrisons in Natal, beside Kimberley and Mafeking, and no signs of success in the immediate future, it is no wonder that the outlook is regarded as distinctly gloomy, and that the most pessimistic is made of Gen. Methuen's success, such as it was.

That battle decided nothing, and our experts are now waiting for the story of the return of the pursuing cavalry without getting in touch with the retreating Boers indicates that the cavalry discovered in time that, if it had gone on, it would soon have been on the Pretoria race course with its comrades of the Hussars.

It is not too surprising one greatly if the Boers are shortly again discovered in an entrenched position near the spot from which Gen. Methuen has just evicted them.

From no British success can even a semblance of British power be reported. Mafeking is apparently in worse plight than the British have hitherto cared to admit, and it is difficult to see how it can be relieved for some time to come.

**The Weather.**

Corrected weekly by William Kaueher Justice of the Peace, Oregon, Mo.

	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM	Fall.	Snow.
Nov. 20	50	26		
21	43	30		
22	40	30		
23	40	32		
24	39	28		
25	40	27		
26	40	27		
27	41	37		
28	41	37		
29	42	43		

Thanksgiving day closes the month with fair weather, but a thunder storm north in Iowa with much lightning in the morning. The barometer is lower than at any other time this year or for many years.

The temperature of the month will be about eight degrees above normal and the rainfall, unless more comes on this last day, will also be about four tenths of an inch below normal.

**Benton.**

There will be prayer meeting Sunday night.

The Benton school visited the Elgar school on Friday.

The prayer meeting Tuesday night was well attended.

Miss Edith Franz, of Mound City high school, spent Sunday with her parents.

Rev. Smith and Clyde King, Misses Frankie Evans and Minnie Bestman, of Mound City, spent Sunday in the neighborhood.

The protracted meeting closed Monday night, with nineteen additions to the Evangelical church. Clyde King and Misses Frankie Evans and Minnie Bestman, attended the meetings faithfully and much credit is due them for the success of the meeting.

**Nos.**

Those who attended the Chrysanthemum display at Oregon from here were: A. G. Gelvin, wife, and her mother; Mesdames Franklin, Colson, Schofield, Hatfield, Finko, McIntyre and Roberts; the Messrs. Walker, Vance, Wray and Gilkey. They all report a grand display, and likewise different persons' description of the size of the moon, to them, they report blooms from the size of a joint cup to a palm leaf fan.—(Mail-Land Newswaper.

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—J. N. Zechman and family visited with friends in Falls City, Neb., the latter of the Falls City.

—Rev. J. W. Kruse is conducting a series of religious services at the Lutheran church at Nicollet's grove.

The winter meeting of the Missouri State Horticultural society will be held at Trenton, December 5-7, inclusive.

H. L. Ward, of Craig, is still in the hospital, that three year old mare he had recently stolen from the hitch rack at Craig.

Sam Proud and his family have returned from Southwest Missouri, and have rented the C. O. Proud farm north of Craig, Mo.

There are some indications of corn existing in Clay township, and C. C. Coyle is arranging to prospect on the lands lying between the Weller and L. Coyle place.

Miss Hattie Hallock, a former teacher in the Mound City school, who was a resident of Auburn, Nebraska, and she now writes her name "Mr. Hattie Strahan."

Go to the Woodland Hotel, located on the corner of the main street, for anything in the ton-sorial art. Hot and cold baths at any time.

LESLIE WACHTER.

Mrs. India Price and daughter Margaret went up to St. Louis last Saturday afternoon to attend a sewing visit with "Uncle George" Chaddick, whom we are sorry to learn is growing quite feeble.

I am ready to auction your sale terms, reasonable. Orders will receive prompt attention. Call at my place, 712 1/2 N. 1st St., Oregon, Mo. M. H. WRIGHT.

For holidays and Christmas presents of useful and ornamental, attend the bazaars of the ladies of the Presbyterian church to be held in the Howell hotel building (December 7, 8 and 9). Prices very low.

Oscar Underwood, aged thirteen but his knee badly mashed between freight cars at Cornum on the 16th ult. He was traveling alone from the camp while the train crew was switching. He was taken to his home at Tarkio.

The Chrysanthemum show at Oregon drew quite a crowd from this city last Friday and Saturday. There were 1000 of the best stock, while playing and all unite in saying the show was very fine.—Mound City News.

—Andrew, the little eleven year-old son of John Abbe, had his arm broken while driving his foot stock, while playing "whipcracker," at the Culp school during recess. Dr. Kearney was called at the little fellow is getting along quite nicely.

—Married, at his residence by W. Kaucher, justice, on Nov. 29, 1896, W. A. Meyer and Goldie Hamilton, both of Forest township, Holt county, Mo. The bride's groom is a son of J. C. late Mayor of Holt county, Mo. The bride is a daughter of the same place and she are beginning their new life.

—Abbe Goodpasture broke, early in the fall, 26 acres of corn at a little less than the corn netted him at 75 per cent. He had a fair yield here in 1900 per acre. This is not quite soving cents and saving dollars, but it will bear comparison.—Matland Newspaper.

—Wm. Kaufman lost a fine horse Sunday and this horse got over into another field where there was young colts. The horse was found dead in the barn and the owner here in a few days around which Mr. Kaufman drove.—Matland Herald.

—Mr. Hart, wife and child, from Kentucky, are stopping at Mr. Shumaker for a few days awaiting the arrival of their baby, and now they are at F. Davis farm south of town to live with the tobacco crop, the handling which Mr. Hart is an expert.—Forest City Journal.

—Mrs. N. F. Murray who underwent a serious surgical operation at the St. Joseph hospital Thursday of last week, the latest accounts, was resting at her home and will leave in a few days for the hospital. All our people are anxiously awaiting the glad tidings that will announce her full recovery.

List of unclaimed letters remained in the postoffice at Oregon, Mo., for the following persons: Mrs. J. C. Bennett, Mrs. Chas. Creek (card), Mrs. Hayes, and Jesse Russell. Please call for "advertised" letters (not calling for thirty days) at the postoffice, N. 1st and 720 p. m. THOMAS CUNY, C. M.

—Married, at the B. E. parsonage, Oregon, Mo., Nov. 25, 1896, Mr. Albin P. Longest, of St. Joseph, Mo., and Mrs. Helen H. Longest, of New Orleans, La. Rev. Henry Crampton officiated. Immediately after the ceremony the bride left for St. Joseph, where they will reside. The bride is a railroad conductor on the B. & M. route.

—Broom corn has gone up to \$2.50 a ton. This was after the trust had bought it all up at \$1.00 a ton, and yet some people can't see the difference. The new crop of broom corn is now in the hands of the new General of Missouri, evidently "can see any harm in the trusts." They are all doing his business. He has been in office for three years.

—George Washington sold through C. Benton, on Wednesday last, his horse near the colored school house, this city to Sterling Perkins, who will tear down the house and build a new one on the "springle" The consideration was \$100.—Oregon Gazette. George expects to leave in about a month for a visit with his children at their home in St. Louis.

—So few people think of the help wanted to the publisher to call at the office and hand in a slip of paper with the name of the publisher, and now they who have just arrived writing there when otherwise the publishers could not get all the facts and the item would be unpublished. The death of a person in the city in the matter of deaths in the vicinity. In these instances it is better leave the matter out entirely than to print it from the most reliable source. When you feel slighted on some occasion, just ask yourself the question, how do you duty in this matter?

**Holiday Presents.**

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**CAREY E. BUNKER,**

Watch, Jewelry and Clock repairing specialty.

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Some of our calumny holiday exchanges say nails sold three years ago for \$1.25 a pound, and now they are selling for \$1.25. At that same time 3-year old steers were selling at \$2.50 per hundred and now they are worth \$2.50. Three year old steers were hardly worth housing, and people could not afford to buy nails at \$1.25 to build sheds for them. They have the \$1.25 to buy nails for, and now they are worth \$2.50. They give us free silver and prices for everything will go down, and now the prices have advanced all along the line they are still below.